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SUBJECT: GERMAN AMERICAN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

1. GERMAN-AMERICAN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (GALA) HAS FIRM PLANS FOR SEMINAR ON DATA PROTECTION AND HAS COMMITMENTS OF LEADING US EXPERTS (PROFESSORS ALAN F. WESTIN (POLI. SCI., COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY) AND ARTHUR J. MILLER (HARVARD LAW SCHOOL) TO SERVE AS US LECTURERS. LEADING GERMAN LEGAL EXPERTS ARE ALSO COMMITTED.

2. SEMINAR IS SCHEDULED AT INSTITUTE FOR MATHEMATICS AND DATA PROTECTION (GMD), NEAR BONN, SEPTEMBER 24-25. TOPIC WILL TOUCH ON INFORMATION NEEDS OF MODERN BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT, AND THE RIGHTS TO PRIVACY AND PROTECTION, INCLUDING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

3. GMD WILL SHOW, AS INTRODUCTION TO SEMINAR, A REPORT RECENTLY TRANSMITTED ON GERMAN TELEVISION ABOUT DATA NEEDS AND PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS IN FRG. GALA WOULD LIKE TO COUPLE THAT INTRODUCTORY TV FILM WITH ANY RECENT US TV NETWORK FILM TOUCHING ON UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBLEMS IN U.S. RE INFORMATION NEEDS AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS INVOLVING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY. THESE FILMS WOULD DEMONSTRATE PROBLEMS RAISED BY MODERN INFORMATION COLLECTION IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

4. GALA, A NON-PROFIT TAX-FREE PRIVATE ORGANIZATION RUN BY NON-PAID BOARD, EXPECTS ABOUT

60-80 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING MANY NON-GALA MEMBERS
AT SEMINAR, MOST OF WHOM UNDERSTAND ENGLISH. NO CHARGE
WILL BE MADE FOR ADMISSION TO THE U.S. FILM OR VIDEO
TAPE WE ARE REQUESTING.

5. GALA HOPES THAT CROSSCULTURAL AND PROFESSIONAL
PURPOSE OF SEMINAR, NATURE OF GALA AND SEMINAR
AUDIENCE, WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR A US NETWORK
TO MAKE SINGLE SHOWING OF A SUITABLE VIDEOTAPED OR
FILMED US PROGRAM POSSIBLE. GALA, WITH USIS HELP,
IS PREPARED TO ASSUME SMALL RENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION
COSTS IF TAPE OR FILM CAN BE PROVIDED.

6. REQUEST THAT USIA DETERMINE WHETHER SUITABLE
US TV PROGRAM HAS BEEN PRODUCED RECENTLY AND
WHETHER OWNER WILL PROVIDE VIDEOTAPE OR FILM
FOR ONE SHOWING TO LIMITED AUDIENCE, AS DESCRIBED
ABOVE.

7. GALA IS PREPARED TO GIVE APPROPRIATE CREDITS TO
US NETWORK THAT MAY MAKE PROGRAM AVAILABLE. USIS BONN
WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE FOR GALA BEFORE MID-AUGUST.
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